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AMENDMENT**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: